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INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CGEN, AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

SUBJ: CHARTERED AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT INVOLVING AMCITS

REF: CANBERRA'S 1956 AND 1957

1. FOLLOWING UPDATE REFTELS.

2. NAMES OF VICTIMS

GEORGE C JESTER VICEPRESIDENT CHEVRON OIL TRADING COMPANY
225 BUSH STREET. HOME ADDRESS 25 FAIRWAY DRIVE SAN RAFAEL
CALIFORNIA.

NORRIS B SHUMATE VICEPRESIDENT CHEVRON LAND DEVELOPMENT
COMPANY 225 BUSH STREET SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA.
HOME ADDRESS BOX 55 DANVILLE CALIFORNIA.

DOCTOR MALCOLM H MCVICKAR NATIONAL MANAGER AGRONOMY
ORTHODIVISION CHEVRON CHEMICAL COMPANY 225 BUSH STREET
SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA. HOME ADDRESS 35 PORTO BELLO
SAN RAFAEL CALIFORNIA.

WALTER G WALTON MANAGER PROJECT DIVISION (AGRO-INDUSTRIAL)
FOOD MACHINERY AND CHEMICAL CORPORATION SAN JOSE CALIFORNIA.
HOME ADDRESS BOX 1415 SAN JOSE CLIFORNIA.

3. AIRCRAFT WAS CHARTERED IN DARWIN FROM ARNHAM AIR CHARTER
PTY LTD AND PILOTED BY JERRY WALKER AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN WHO
ALSO DIED IN CRASH.

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RM AIRCRAFT DEPARTED KUNUNURRA NORTHERN TERRITORY 1300 HOURS DESTINED TIMBER CREEK. ALTHOUGH UNCONFIRMED LOCAL SOURCES BELIEVE AIRCRAFT WAS MAKING SWING TO OBSERVE FITZROY RIVER AREA WHEN IT STRUCK RADIO TOWER OF FITZROY STATION AND BURST INTO FLAMES. AIRCRAFT CRASHED 1 HALF MILE AWAY IN FOUR FOOT DEEP LAKE. BODIES REPORTEDLY BURNED TO UNRECOGNIZEABLE STATE BUT IDENTITIES ESTABLISHED THROUGH PERSONAL PAPERS ON BODIES.

5. POST MORTEM ORDERED BY AUTHORITIES AND BODIES ARE BEING TRANSFERRED TO KATHERINE HOSPITAL.

6. WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED BY PETER JESTER MANAGING DIRECTOR OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA PETROLEUM COMPANY AN AFFILIATE OF STANDARD OIL OF CALIFORNIA IN PERTH THAT ALL NEXT OF KIN INFORMED. NAMES OF VICTIMS RELEASED TO NEWS MEDIA BY CONSULATE LATE TODAY ALTHOUGH ABC HAD BROADCASTED NAMES AT NOON.

7. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT CONCERNING CAUSE OF ACCIDENT WILL FOLLOW WHEN COMPLETED AND MADE AVAILABLE TO US.
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